

CONTROL NO.

TOP SECRET RUFF

DATE

15 March 1978 25X1

## SUBJECT

AREA: GROUND FORCES

## DISTRIBUTION:

ALL PIs

IEG PI NOTICE

No. 15-78

## TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE:

## UNIQUE SHIPPING MODE SIGNATURES FOR BMP

COMMENT: The BMP exhibits a unique appearance in this particular shipping mode (Fig. 1) in which a wooden framework has been constructed over the chassis reaching an apex over the front edge of the turret and sloping downward and widening toward the front and rear edges of the vehicle hull. The connecting planking (a) between the two BMPs on the flatcar will keep the canvas covering (lying alongside the flatcar) from sagging and is probably used for environmental conditions. In the shipping yard (Fig. 2) of Kurgan Armored Vehicle Plant, a second unique signature is observed. Notice the three stacks (two on a trailer) of square supports (b) alongside the BMPs. Each square is emplaced around the turret as can be seen by the canvas-covered BMPs (c). Also, note the four-section division fore-and-aft resulting from the stretched canvas. The square and four-section division is easily recognizable at an army barracks (Fig. 3).

25X1

25X1

LOCATION(S) Satzkorn, EG

Kurgan Armored Veh Plt, USSR  
Gusinozersk Mtz R Div Hq/Bks  
AL 1, USSR

**DISCLAIMER** — This is an informal communication intended for circulation within NPIC/IEG only. The conclusions are the opinion of the originator at the time of issue. Supporting or contrasting views are welcomed, and should be directed to the originator.

DIVISION

WPFD

BRANCH

ECFB

ROOM

3S215

COPY NO.

25X1  
40025X1  
25X1

R FM 1327 (E-00)

TOP SECRET RUFF

WARNING NOTICE  
Sensitive Intelligence  
and Methods 25X1  
25X1